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EDITORIAL: 'A Collection of Contactees'

No doubt you have noticed from recent issues of the News that we have all of a sudden been inundated by a glut of contactee type cases. Considering the apparant rarity of this side of ufology, in this country at least, then this is worthy of note.

Te recap on what has come to light in only the past four months: A) The Mrs Hamilton report from Belfast (see page 4) which is still continuing and involves living room visits. B) Mrs L, from Little Lever (see June issue) who received bedroom visitations after an alleged sighting involving physical effects C) Mr L, from West Yorkshire (see August issue) who was supposedly abducted into a craft earlier this year and medically examined (not that a psychiatrist who examined the story did not think otherwise). On top of all this possibly the granddaddy of them all is still unpublished. Whilst not in reality a contact case, it certainly has bizzarre implications in this direction. It has been investigated over the course of the past year and will be presented at the NUFON meeting in Manchester next month, so I shall not say more here. Certainly it requires a separate publication, being planned, to do it justice.

I have made some comments, in a general sense, on this situation in an article for the WUFOS magazine 'Skylink' so I will not duplicate same here. Nonetheless it does seem as if something peculiar MIGHT be happening. I say might because, it is easy in ufology to read too much into any situation and coincidences, even when piled on top of each other, would be just coincidences. Even so I think it worth studying the article by Peter Warrington 'Move down the Universe please - Hold Tight!' in the NUFON Convention proceedings (see page 3). It seems to have an important bearing on this change of direction, experienced it would appear throughout ufology at the present. An example quote is given briefly so as not to present it out of context:

"We should recognise that the phenomenon is presented differently to each researcher. A fact that has largely gone unnoticed..... Perhaps one truly believes what one wants to believe - OR what the phenomenon wants US, as individuals, to believe."

The possible truth of that statement might be very apparant after the October meeting, where evidence is to be presented which MIGHT indicate that we do not need to go out skywatching chasing an illdefined phenomenon. If we sit around it may start chasing us!

As a final thought notice that in July of this year the BBC present themselves to us and say 'we want to do a programme on contact cases'. What happens? We start to be inundated with contact (or pseudo contact?) cases. Is this an example of what Peter terms 'string dangling' - and who is being led the BBC, ourselves, or both???? More importantly are we being led the RIGHT or WRONG way?

NB: Subscribers are asked to note that owing to your editor now being back at college full time there MAY be slight delays in future issue scheduling. Every effort will be made to maintain the first week in the month publication.

Contributions this month: BUFORA Ireland, BUFORA Yorkshire, MUFORA, UFOSIS Ian Cresswell, Bryan Hartley, Derick Shelton. Special thanks to: LUFORG, SUFOR, and WATSUP.

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NEWS NOTICES

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:: Ian Cresswell, who compiles historical case reviews for the NUFON data bank, has willing helpers throughout the country. One such person is a Contact UK member Mr P. Caslin of 27 Penrhyn Street, Liverpool. He has supplied considerable information on local reports, and is willing to do so in future. In view of the current shortage of experienced investigators in this area it is hoped that the closest local groups will contact him.

:: Some months ago, you may recall, there was a short questionnaire in this newsletter about NUFON publications. Whilst it was felt important that the N.U.N. continue as a monthly update on latest news and a means of recording all current sighting activity as it happens, there was a call for an irregular MAGAZINE of some description. The NUFON publications panel has decided to do this now, in conjunction with each NUFON meeting. Ken Green of WUFOS is editing the first issue (to be published on October 23rd) and he would like any contributions in the form of articles etc.

:: The NUFON/CONTACT/BUFORA project on a HISTORICAL NORTHERN UFO CATALOGUE is progressing nicely. Work is now at the mid 1950's stage. It is envisaged that publication will be in the Spring. Offers of assistance are still welcome, as much collation of material is still to be undertaken.

:: Two new group publications to be recommended are UFO RESEARCH REVIEW, published quarterly by NUFOIS 25p. This is one of the best 'scientific' type publications I have seen from a local group. Also well worthy of a mention is the IRISH UFO NEWS, published twice a year (July and December) by BUFORA's Northern Ireland branch. They offer a special rate of 50p for two issues to members of NUFON groups. Both are excellent value for money.

:: BUFORA NEWS: BUFORA are holding their annual skywatch on the night of September 25/26. Local groups are asked to cooperate in this, by organising a local site. Contact BUFORA NIC Ken Phillips (TEL: 01-969-8847)

On January 8th 1977 BUFORA is staging a regional meeting at the Houldsworth Hall, Manchester (2.30pm). All northern ufologists are invited along to air their views about BUFORA and the British ufological scene. It should be an excellent opportunity for those who have long said that BUFORA lacks a national image to put forward positive proposals.

The BUFORA INVESTIGATOR'S HANDBOOK is now in production. At a cost of £3 (non members) £2 (members) it is good value for its 100 plus pages of information and advice on all aspects of investigation technique. Copies obtainable, delivery late October, from the NUFON address.

Finally, a further reminder on the Conference to be held on November 5, 6 & 7th at the Centre Hotel, Birmingham. Papers by Ted Bloecher, Peter Rogerson, Bernard Delair and others on many aspects of research. £6 (non members), £5 (members) for the weekend - obtainable through NUFON.

NOTICE

NUFON MEETING: - OCTOBER 23 1976

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The meeting will be at University of Manchester Institute of Science and Technology (UMIST) in Central Manchester - commencing approximately 4.30. The agenda will be:

MINUTES, OFFICERS REPORTS, ELECTION OF RETURNING OFFICER, DECISION ON PROPOSAL TO INCREASE SIZE OF THE NUFON EXECUTIVE, ELECTION OF EXECUTIVE DECISION ON RESULTS OF THE REFERENDUM ON A TWO LEVEL SYSTEM OF ASSOCIATION AND AFFILIATION TO THE NETWORK, THE BRITISH UFO DOCUMENTATION CENTRE (Presentation by Director Alan Fossey and debate on any possible cooperation), CONFERENCE 1977 (Provisional proposals by Robert Morrell of NUFOIS) ANY OTHER PROPOSALS OR SUGGESTIONS.

There will be a talk by author Raymond Drake at 2.30, followed by a question session, and there will also be a presentation by BUFORA of 'An Intriguing New Case' which will briefly summarise a previously unpublished case of unusual content with possible important consequences for ufology. Admission will be by ticket (cost 50p) available from BUFORA (125 Beresford St., Manchester M14 4RY). It is hoped that all groups will be represented. There will be no limit to the number of people who may attend from each group.

ANNOUNCEMENT: NUFON ANNOUNCES PUBLICATION OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE MAY 1976 CONVENTION HELD AT SHEFFIELD. PAPERS BY BERNARD DELAIR, JOHN LONGHORN, PETER WARRINGTON and TREVOR WHITAKER. AVAILABLE IN LIMITED EDITION AT A COST OF 40p (FORTY) - POSTAGE INCLUDED.

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REPORT CLASSIFICATION: Jenny Randles
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There have been many attempts down the years to perfect a system of classifying UFO reports. One of the earliest was that proposed by VALLEE in his book CHALLENGE TO SCIENCE. Here he forms classes based upon actual performance of the object and on shapes. This has proved unsatisfactory in many ways, and provides considerable overlap for certain ufo sightings. HYNEK in THE UFO-EXPERIENCE tries a somewhat different approach and defines his categories largely by type of event. This has been widely regarded as the BEST method in current usage. He defines Nocturnal lights (our basic LITS cases), Daylight Discs (which are NOT, by any means, always discs) and three classes of Close Encounter dependant upon effect. Again, however, there is considerable overlap although it would seem that his categories DO present a good basis for an assessment of a cases inherent value. Perhaps his best contribution was in the designation of S-P ratings (Strangeness - Probability). These define scales from 1 to 9 assessing the peculiarities of a report (S rating) and the reliability of it (P ratings). Obviously high S-P ratings are the better cases, and these give an excellent indicator of the importance of a case at a glance, IF USED PROPERLY WITH A WELL DEFINED RATINGS SCALE.

More recently Charles Lockwood, of MURO, devised a most interesting system for BUFORA use fully outlined in their May/June 1976 Journal. This has now been adopted as a standard INVESTIGATION CLASSIFICATION. Principally it uses three factors. CATEGORY is dependant on the quality of the witnesses (A = professional observers, scientists etc, B = experienced observers, police etc, C = inexperienced observers) CLASS defines type of observation (1 = Permanent record left, photographs etc, 2 = temporary effects, occupants etc, 3 = close observation unusual parameters, 4 = distant ill defined sighting) GROUP refers to the number of observers (a = 2+ at differing locations, b = 2+ at same location, c = single witness). By categorising in this way, after the system is got used to, a very valuable rapid understanding of the value of a case is achieved. Points can be awarded as such (CATEGORY A=2, B=1, C=0; CLASS 1 = 6, 2 = 5, 3 = 3, 4 = 1; GROUP a=2, b=1, c=0) A numerical scale maximum 10 then gives an instant check on the importance of a case.

It is not claimed that any of these systems are perfect. Indeed someone might well be able to suggest improvements. However, the need has been expressed by many that some type of value rating should be put on the sightings in this newsletter. The above system will be used at present, though it is NOT of any value as an EVALUATORY system. Perhaps for this someone can come up with an idea or perfect a scale rating for HYNEK's S*P values.

NOTES ON PREVIOUS CASES

During the past month there has been opportunity to assess several recent photographic cases via advisors at KODAK, and through BUFORAs photographic department. CASE 7582 (See NUN Nov 75, NUFON Report 1975). The feelings of the analysts on this one is that it is an aircraft. A full analysis report is to be supplied. It involves 15 slides taken over a ten minute period at Preston Case 75/133 from Blackburn (see NUN July 76) is too dim for a full analysis but it is thought that the slide refers to some kind of reflection phenomenon. Report 75/134 (see Aug 76 NUN) is certainly a real image of some kind but the analysts do not feel that any real value will come from a more detailed investigation as only an orange point source is shown. Finally report 7662 (see Aug 76 NUN) was taken all the way in analysis as it shows a clearly defined image of a disc shape. However, inconsistencies in the focus led KODAK experts to the almost certain conclusion that it was a hoax. This is acceptable to MUFORA, considering the attempts to gain publicity (on radio and in a book HE is publishing) the witness is making.

Anyone deeply interested in photographic work in connection with ufology might care to get in touch with BUFORAs photographic department c/o JOHN SHAW 5 Vardens Rd, Battersea, London SW 11 1 RQ

NORTHERN IRELAND REPORT:: Miles Johnston & John Hind BUFORA (Northern Ire.)
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Another batch of reports has been received from the Northern Ireland group, many of which relate to the late October/early November 1975 flap, already referred to in previous issues of the N.U.N. The branch themselves have prepared an excellent report on this period of activity which is being distributed to researchers and groups only with the current issue of their own newsletter. Some of the reports mentioned below are excluded from that report and hence merit inclusion here.

An interesting report, when taken in context with the comments on page 8 of this month's newsletter, dates to 1974. Unfortunately it is little documented but the basic outline is that a huge black cloud was seen at 02.00 to slowly float across the skies of Bundoran in Eire. It was allegedly seen by many in the town.

On September 11th, just before the flap began, several witnesses in Belfast observed a flattened egg shape, yellow white in colour, with a row of red lights underneath. Time was 22.30. The object appeared to float along, and was seen through binoculars by experienced observers. Of course it is known that during the present troubles helicopters and aircraft frequent the area at unusual times, but these witnesses were apparently quite well acquainted with such things.



Some of the objects reported during the flap.

Right at the start of the flap, October 28th an Ulster TV controller was witness to a strange observation just outside of Lisburn, Co. Antrim. He saw a yellow white light moving silently low across the sky. He stopped the car and got out into the still country air to confirm that it was not a helicopter. It then completed a U turn and moved out of sight.

Two reports from Belfast on the same night, November 28th - though not at the same time are of interest. At about 17.20 a white object with a fuzzy round outline was seen by a single witness in the south west. It disappeared into cloud after one and a half minutes. At 20.05 two people reported a brilliant yellow light moving across the sky south eastwards. It was in view ten seconds and no aircraft or satellites were visible to account for the observation.

A young teenage girl in Belfast had some strange sightings in December. On one occasion, whilst waiting for a bus, she saw a reddish object with a white defined undercarriage travelling slowly along the road, not especially high. After she boarded the bus she saw it coming back again. She is certain that the object was not a helicopter.

What may well yet prove to be the most significant report of 1975 is still under investigation by the branch. It may well refer to a contact experience, although the details of it are rather sketchy at the present moment.

It concerns a schoolboy on the Foyle Estate in County Londonderry. He claims that whilst walking along a country road he was enveloped by a huge field of some kind of energy. He then no longer recalls anything and was taken to hospital, after being found, where he remained unconscious for one week.

Readers may recall the other contact case investigated by the branch - that of Mrs Hamilton of Belfast. A full report on the final analysis of this case and the views of the Psychologist who was called into the case under the new advisors system will be featured in the special publication which NUFON is publishing in October to coincide with the next Representative Committee meeting.

STOP PRESS: NUFON has been invited to submit a short paper on British ufology to be read out at the UFOCON 2, to be held in November by the Australian Center for UFO Studies. NUFON's foreign liaison officer, Bryan Hartley will be preparing this. It will be read by Harry Griesberg of ACOS

CURRENT SIGHTING REPORTS

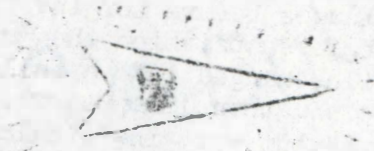
Report 7220
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Catterick, N.Yorks

December 1972

INV: WATSUP

There were two witnesses, both in the army, who at 1.30 am had returned from a map reading exercise. A delta winged object, size of a tennis ball at arms length, appeared in the north elevation 30 degrees. It was red in colour. It flew silently overhead, changing to orange and then brilliant white and then after about one minute just went out 'like a light bulb'. There was a dark banded area across the middle of the craft which was described overall as being shaped like an arrowhead. The man who reported this incident now lives in Hampshire - thanks to WATSUP are due for investigating the case.



Classification B 3 b Value = 5

Report 7464
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Leeds, W.Yorks

??? 1974

INV: BUFORA YORKS

A young schoolboy (who was then 9 years old) was having a sleepless night. He got out of bed and went to the window to look at the clear sky. He saw a round light, the size of a cricket ball, with a tail. It was making a crackling noise and flew over the roof tops. This may well have been ball lightning or some other electrical phenomenon.



Classification C 4 c Value = 1

Report 75/135
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Dudley, Worcs

Jan 27 1975

INV: UFOSIS

There was a single witness to this sighting of a light coloured ball of light, half the apparent size of the full moon. It moved across the skyline slowly at first and then shot out a flame coloured tail. It then shot out an additional tail and accelerated out of sight. The report was initially investigated by a local Dudley group known as SUFOR.



Classification C 4 c Value = 1

Report 75/136
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Wakefield, W.Yorks

October 20 1975

INV: BUFORA YORKS

A group of four schoolchildren relate the observation at 20.00 of a red/orange ball of light with black spots in it. It rose and hovered at elevation 45 degrees for one minute then dropped slowly down over the horizon in a few seconds. It appeared to rotate. CLASSIFICATION. C 4 b Value = 2

Report 75/137
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Barnsley, S.Yorks

November 18 1975

INV: BUFORA YORKS

The following is a very interesting report. It involves Mr Brook, a technical clerk, his wife, their daughter and a male friend of the family. All were walking by a dairy close to their home at 17.10. Mr Brook was attracted to a high pitched hum or whistling noise (which seemed to penetrate his head). NONE of the others heard this, but it made Mr Brook look up and point out the object travelling overhead from the SW. It was a fuzzy, fluorescent blue ball of light (about $\frac{1}{4}$ size of the full moon). It moved fast, but in a zig-zag fashion. Indeed it kept disappearing for seconds at a time and then re-appearing in unexpected places, whilst overall keeping to a straight path. It also appeared to rotate and change to an ellipsoid shape. The other male witness believed he saw two flashing white lights at each end, but again none of the others did. Suddenly there was a flare of light and the object split

into two balls, separating at 90 degrees. These disappeared, reappeared and then came together again with a silent flash. The object continued on its path out of sight, seemingly going lower. Total duration 3 minutes. Investigators found them sincere, and all stories were consistent. It is hard to find a natural explanation for this sighting, excepting some unusual electrical phenomenon of exceptional duration. CLASSIFICATION C 3 b Value 4



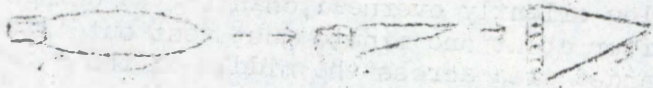
Report 75/138
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Acomb, N.Yorks

December 12 1975

INV: BUFORA YORKS

No doubt you will recall the spate of sightings on the weekend Dec 12/13/14 1975 (see N.U.N. Jan 76 and Detailed case report number 3). This sighting is from three schoolboys near York, who at 08.30 on the Friday claim to have seen three strange looking torpedo like objects moving very slowly across the sky eastwards. At first they were white but became darker after a while. They emitted a buzzing noise and were in view for fifteen minutes before merging into one half triangle shape, which then hovered for a while, changed into a full triangle shape and then disappeared. The



boys are aged 14, but very inarticulate. Investigation was done by report form only and there was considerable collaboration in filling these in. There was a report in the YORKSHIRE EVENING PRESS (issue dated by Durrants as December 9th!!!). This gives gross differences in the stories of the boys, including two instead of three objects and five minutes or less duration instead of fifteen. If the date is wrong also we may safely conclude a probable fabrication, though even if not some type of aircraft is probable.

Classification C 3 b Value 4

Report 7634
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Leeds, W.Yorks

April 20 1976

INV: BUFORA YORKS

More data is to hand on this report, investigated initially by the Leeds UFO Research Group. The witness is a 63 year old man, who with his son saw an object stationary in the north west close to the setting sun. It was in

view from 19.20 to 20.50 and was not seen to disappear. It looked like a comet, head about $\frac{1}{3}$ diameter of the sun. It was coloured white at first but was more golden after the sun had set. It was probably a celestial object.



Classification C 4.c Value 1

Report 7666
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Wakefield, W.Yorks

June 27 1976

INV: BUFORA YORKS

This is one of many reports of LITS reported in late June, most of which are not worthy of recording. June generates a considerable number of satellite misidentifications every year and there is little doubt that this blue/green light seen by numerous people in the area moving across the sky quite fast NNW to SE was one. Even so the M.O.D. contacted the witness and said that they were investigating. Mr Watt, an amateur astronomer who had reported the observation to the press, then told them that the M.O.D. were going to 'keep secret' the result of their investigation. This is probably a misinterpretation of their usual statement to witnesses and implies nothing of any importance.

Classification B 4 b Value 3

Report 7660
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Bolton, G.M/Cr

July 9 1986

INV: MUFORA

A woman and her male friend had returned home from a night out at 01.00. In the western sky at an elevation of 45 degrees they saw an elongated object red/pink in colour with a sharp outline and about one inch long at arms length. It split into three sections and these moved slightly until one was on top of each other. The three then merged into one object again. It was in view ten minutes before narrowing into a thin pencil line and fading out. Almost certainly an optical effect.

Classification C 4 b Value 2

RIGAP DISBANDS
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It is sad to have to announce that RIGAP (Rossendale Investigation Group on Aerial phenomenon) has disbanded. RIGAP was formed out of the Rossendale Astronomical Society in mid 1974, and was one of the original associates to NUFON. However, there have been increasing difficulties in maintaining the two associations in a healthy and compatible position and consequently it has been decided to concentrate solely on the Astronomical association. However, for the past year RIGAP has been closely linked with MUFORA and joint investigation (with the backing of DIGAP also) has been the order of the day. Consequently RIGAPs active investigators, Tony Grimshawe and Tim Evans, continue work as members of MUFORA and no reduction in overall coverage will result. Indeed this merger will probably have considerable advantages.

Report 7665 Handforth, Cheshire Late March 1976 INV: MUFORA
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Unfortunately this report came to attention too late for any significant investigation to be done. It comes from a woman who claims to have seen a rectangular object making a humming noise with green, orange and blue lights on the underside looking like flames. It appeared to be travelling fast over rooftops and descending rapidly. Time 21.30. Other people in the town next day allegedly saw an 'object' land on the site of an ex-Army tank depot. The area is close to two airfields (Ringway - civil and Woodford - military and civil). Consequently there are numerous possibilities for an explanation.

Classification: C 4 a Value 3

Report 7667 Oldham, GTR.M/Cr July 1st 1976 INV: MUFORA
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This is an interesting report of what may have been a significant report, seen unfortunately from some distance. The time was 22.15 and a middle aged man (with military experience) was getting a breath of fresh air in the late evening. The sun had just set. Over in the NW he saw what he describes as a small black cloud appear suddenly, as if from nowhere. This was similar to an anti-aircraft shell bursting. The cloud extended and became round and then faded out in a matter of minutes. Visible now was a black 'smudge' of indeterminate shape, but the size of a ten pence piece at arms length. It was moving NW to SE. He called his wife to look, and she confirmed that there was an object there. The husband went to collect his powerful 16x50 binoculars, but as he wears an artificial leg this took some time. Meanwhile his wife called out to say that there were now four similar smudges. They were followed through binoculars until 22.45, moving gradually away in a four cornered diamond formation.

Classification: C 3 b Value 4

Report 7668 Bridlington, N. Humberside July 27 1976 INV: D. Shelton
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The witness is a pig farmer. At 01.00 he was awakened by a loud, humming whizzing noise and a brilliant light illuminating the bedroom. He got out of bed and observed a round object with a rim made up of yellow spinning lights. The central portion was brilliant white. On reaching the window the object was visible only a few seconds moving north, elevation 60 degrees. It went out like a light bulb being switched off.

Classification: C 3 c Value 3

Report 7670 Cartmel Fell, Cumbria August 14 1976 INV: MUFORA
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The report comes from a married couple who live in Central Lancashire, but who wish complete anonymity. Details have only been secured by telephone. At 18.30 on a brilliantly sunny day they were near to the summit of Cartmel Fell on the road between Cartmel and Kendal. They had been watching a hot air balloon drift across the valley in front of them, and an aircraft was also in the sky (behind them) leaving a vapour trail. When they first saw the object it appeared just like a brilliant white star, brighter than Venus and completely stationary. The witnesses observed the object through 12x50 binoculars, where it was resolved as a silver disc, reflecting sublight from the top surfaces and at an orientated angle of some 45 degrees. Its depth was approximately one sixth its width, and it was estimated that nine or ten of the discs would fit across the field of view of the binoculars. After approximately thirty seconds observation the object appeared to move away and grow smaller. It was in view altogether a total of ten minutes, and eventually disappeared into the distance. Visibility was excellent. Later they met two other people who reported having seen the same object, at the same time, but names and addresses were not known. Obviously with the witnesses reluctance to cooperate further little more could be done on this case, and it must be left as a potentially interesting case, although there is a possibility that it might have been a weather balloon.

Classification C 3 a Value 5

Report 7669

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Throughout August there have been many reports of black clouds, seen in the skies of the north (see report 7667). These have been associated with the unusually hot weather and mysterious whirlwinds sucking up hay from fields, despite the absence of wind. There has also been numerous reports of a noise like a diesel engine heard in the middle of the night. MUFORA member Tony Grimshawe heard this noise from his home in Haslingden, which is many miles from any railway line, on August 16th. Nothing was seen. Readers will no doubt recall the articles 'The UFO that sucked up straw' and the 'Hough Green sound' (see March 76 N.U.N.) as being of interest in context with these events.

Report 7671 Holcomb Brook, Lancs August 16 1976 INV: MUFORA

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Two witnesses telephoned MUFORA whilst this sighting was actually taking place, but it was found almost certainly to have a natural explanation of a ground light (quite probably a fire). Between 21.25 and at least 22.30 an orange/white light was seen at a very low elevation in the northern sky. It was stationary for over all this time. Through binoculars it appeared to resolve into two white lights. The region to the north is hilly, and the LITS was almost certainly on a hillside. Classification: C 4 b Value 2

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UFO ARCHIVES:

NUFON has before mentioned the need for a UFO archives, indexing all available data and publications. It has now been discovered that there is one place in the north already well on the way to achieving this objective, and it would seem very beneficial to encourage the proliferation of this huge collection. The place is NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE City library, which had donated the extensive files of the now defunct Tyneside UFO Group (which was a prominent force in the 50's and 60's). NUFON's records officer, Peter Warrington, spent several days there in August researching the available material for the Northern UFO Catalogue and entered into discussions with the librarian. It would seem that there is prospects, not only of our assisting the setting up of this centre as a national research archives, but also of being able to loan the card index of thousands of reports in order to make both sets of records compatible by mutual transference. Needless to say this will be a major job, and will require considerable help from NUFON associates. There will be great benefits, however, from having two independantly located reference banks for all the material, both accessible to researchers. As for the vast amount of magazine and other publication material NUFON will help to boost the collection at Newcastle by supplying copies of all publications, and local groups are urged to do likewise with their own material. Bill Muir, former chairman of the Tyneside group, is still interested in the subject and has agreed not only to act as a regional investigator for NUFON (an area totally uncovered before) but also to prepare a complete index of what there is in the library collection for distribution by NUFON to those who are interested in going to Newcastle to collate data for any of their research work.

NUFORA have also decided to index all of their material in a similar manner and a complete listing of reports will be circularised to active groups and researchers in due course. All publication material is also being indexed.

Meanwhile Bryan Hartley, NUFON's Foreign liaison officer, is setting up a library of foreign publications and material, and hopes to index all this shortly for use as a research reference source. He also hopes to organise a system of translators for important foreign publications. Any offers of assistance to him at 23 Hastings Rd., Thornton - Le - Fylde, Lancashire.

Finally thanks are due to the photo library, set up by the D.P.R.G. in Essex, for supplying NUFON with an extensive collection of slide material.

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QUESTIONNAIRE:

It would be most helpful if you could answer the following and submit to the editor prior to the NUFON meeting on October 23rd.

- 1: Do you feel NUFON needs to subdivide or further regionalise activities?
- 2: Do you feel it is feasible to expand to incorporate southern ufo groups?
- 3: Do you have SPECIFIC comments for improvements to any NUFON service viz Newsletter, Publications, Sighting data resources, Cassette library?
- 4: Are there other services you would like to see or would like to introduce yourself through the network?
- 5: Do you have any specific ideas for research projects, other forms of co-operation, administrative improvements?

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